



The DEVON DISPATCH



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DEVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

We had a great start to school here at Devon, welcoming 537 students in kindergarten through grade four. Our children appear excited, the staff is enthusiastic, the school building is sparkling, and we are primed for a fantastic school year. We are very happy to welcome many new families to Devon who have come to us from both near and far.

Next week, the *Curriculum Nights* are very important evenings for parents (not for children) to learn about the specific grade level programs and expectations. The schedule for these evenings is:

Tuesday, September 13 - Grades 3 and 4

Thursday, September 15 - Grades 1 and 2

6:30 p.m. Come early to meet special and support areas staff members

7:00 p.m. Informational meeting and introductions in the Cafeteria

7:20 p.m. Classroom presentation by your child's teacher

Communication between school and home is one of the keys to success for our children. The *Dispatch* is one of our major methods for communicating school-wide information. You will receive a notification when it is posted on our website as new editions are published every other week. Also, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions so that we can work with you as partners.

We are off and charging into this school year. We look forward to seeing you at Curriculum Nights! Enjoy September~

Tom Tobin

Mark the Date

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011
Curriculum Night Grades 3&4

Wednesday, Sept 14, 2011
PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 15, 2011
Curriculum Night Grades 1&2

Wednesday, Sept 21, 2011
International Day of Peace

Thursday Sept 22, 2011
Picture Day

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011
No School

A note from Mrs. Tami Noel, School Counselor:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all returning families! Welcome to all new families! *I have a few programming updates for you.*

Today Dr. Tobin made an announcement about the recognition of the 10th anniversary of 9-11. I encourage you to talk with your child about why this day is known as “Patriot’s Day” and a “Day of Service and Remembrance” for our country. Your child can participate in this day by thanking someone for what they do to make their school, their community, their region, or their world better for everyone.

- On September 21, 2011, Devon will celebrate the International Day of Peace and engage in school wide ‘peaceful’ activities.

Please contact me if you are interested in having your child participate in any of the following groups during the school year:

- **Sibling group:** for children who have a sibling with a disability.
- **Social Skills group:** for children who need assistance with developing their social skills.
- **Family Matters group:** for children whose parents are separated or divorced.

Please contact me if you need financial assistance for instrument rental for your child. There are funds available through the FLITE program.

I can be reached at 610-240-1458 or noelt@tesd.net.
I'm looking forward to working with you and your children.

Important Phone Numbers

School Office 610-240-1450

Attendance 610-240-1465

Emergency Closing 610-240-1970

School District www.tesd.net

PTO www.devonpto.org

Devon Elementary PTO Board 2011/2012

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From the 'Green Corner'



We have some exciting NEW "Green Initiatives" happening here at Devon this year...

- *Not only do we recycle plastics # 1 through 5, glass, aluminum, paper & juice pouches here in our classrooms & cafeteria BUT we are NOW recycling:
Juice boxes, Milk cartons, Juice cartons & Bottle Caps !!!*
- *Keep your eye out for our NEW line of recycled Juice Pouch coin holders, purses & totes – they will be available at the ice cream social & back to school nights.*

Continuing "Green Initiatives" at Devon.....

- *Our 'Green' Spiritwear will continue to sell:
**Lunchskins Reusable Sandwich bags & Snack bags
12 oz. Kleen Kanteens, & Wraps-N-Mats***
- *We still offer Recycled Juice Pouch school items such as:
Binders, Folders, Messenger bags, Pencil cases... etc.....*

All 'Green' Merchandise will be available for sale throughout the year.

Have a question, idea or suggestion ? Please e-mail Heather Hill at globularclusters@yahoo.com – thank you !

Devon PTO Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th

9:30 am in the Large Group Room

ALL WELCOME!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS 2011-2012

September brings the start of a new school year, along with the beginning of a new year of After School Sports. This hour long after school program is a chance for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students to play some of their favorite games and activities from Physical Education class with their peers after school. This is a free program run jointly by the Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Nicole Lohmeyer and the Applied Technology aide, Mrs. Lindsey Keys.

Due to the popularity of After School Sports, the program is split into three six-week sessions to accommodate all interested students. In the interest of safety and to increase the participation level for each student, the sessions will be limited to forty children. Any second, third or fourth grader that wishes to participate in the program may do so for one session.

Session #1 Tuesday September 20th – Thursday October 27th

Tuesdays – Grade 4

Wednesdays – Grade 2

Thursdays – Grade 3 (one session on Monday September 26th
due to non school day on Thursday September 29th)

Session #2: Tuesday November 1st – Thursday December 15th

Tuesdays – Grade 3

Wednesdays - Grade 4

Thursdays – Grade 2

no Afters the week of 11/21 due to Thanksgiving holiday

Session #3: Tuesday January 10th – Thursday February 16th

Tuesdays – Grade 2

Wednesdays - Grade 3

Thursdays – Grade 4

The After School Sports program will run from 3:20 – 4:20 PM. All students are to be picked up promptly at 4:20PM. Parents may form a pick-up line in the car lane located in front of the cafeteria. Please be on time when picking up your child. Note: Lateness could result in withdrawal of the After School Sports privilege.

If you are interested in participating in the After School Sports program this year, please complete and return the registration form indicating session preference and the Insurance Exemption and Waiver Form. This went home in the Friday September 2, 2011 Friday Folder. All students who participate in any scholastic activities are required to be fully covered by insurance in case of accident or injury.


Deadline: Thursday, September 15th. You will be notified of your session placement on Friday, September 16th via your email. Please contact Mrs. Nicole Lohmeyer if you need any further information: lohmevern@tesd.net

Thank you for your interest in the program. We look forward to seeing you after school!


Nicole Lohmeyer and Lindsey Keys




AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS ARE COMING SOON!!!




The Devon After-School clubs fall session is just around the corner. Look for registration forms in your child's folder in mid September.



Following are the most Frequently Asked Questions, to help you better understand the After-School Clubs' registration process:




If I get my child's registration form in on the first day will he/she be guaranteed a spot in a club?



No. But, returning your child's form as soon as possible will increase his/her chances of getting a spot. Some clubs get more forms on the first day than there are actual spots in the club! If that happens, we randomly select the students who turned in a form on the first day.




My child has been on the wait list for a club in the past. Does that mean he/she will get in the next time?



If their form is returned in a timely manner, we will make every attempt to work with those who have been waitlisted in the past. However, there is no guarantee.



Why are some clubs so small while others can take many more children?



Each club has a specific size to meet the needs of the club topic, equipment needed, and room space.




How will I be notified if my child gets into a club?



Forms will be sent home through the Friday folders with confirmation of club enrollment or wait list.



Can my child sign up for several clubs?



Yes, as long as there is space in the clubs. However, please keep in mind your child's other commitments (boy scouts, girl scouts, dance, etc...) and don't double book them. If you sign up for a club and don't go, your child is taking the spot of another child that could have attended.



If you have other questions please contact:



Barbara Schiff, barbara@schiffmarketing.com or Tracey Sloan, traceysloan@comcast.net



PTO After-School Clubs Coordinators.



GIRLS SCOUTS DEVON ELEMENTARY



What level am I? Daisy Brownie or Junior?

Grades K-1 - Daisy

Grades 2-3 - Brownie

Grade 4 - Junior

What does it cost? How do I register?

\$12 Registration Fee, registration forms are available from Troop leaders.

Uniforms are optional, however most girls get a Daisy pinafore, a Brownie Vest/Sash, or a Junior Vest/Sash (~\$20).

\$40-50 Troop dues for the school year.

What do Troops do?

Girl Scouts promotes strength and leadership in girls. A typical troop meeting is held once or twice a month after school, or on evening and weekends depending on the leader's availability. Meeting activities include: snack, troop duties, flag ceremony, badge activities and a closing ceremony.

What do parents do?

Parents can volunteers in many roles. Being a troop leader is a wonderful opportunity to be a role model for girls in our community. Each troop generally has 2-3 leaders who are responsible for planning/running a 1 hour meeting once or twice a month. Parents are needed to be a Troop Treasurer and Cookie Mom, and to assist Troop Leaders for special activities.

More information?

Contact Rita Levin: rita_esther@hotmail.com



PACK 111 INVITES YOU TO JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

Cub Scouts is a Family Program open to boys in 1st thru 5th grades.

Pack 111 serves the Devon Elementary community.

The Pack is broken into Grade Level "Dens" of 6 to 8 boys.

The Pack typically meets once per month and Dens meet 2 to 3 times per month.

In the last year our Cub Scouts have:

- *Camped at a Baseball Game
- *Visited local Fire Companies
- *Hiked at Valley Forge Park
- *Gone camping
- *Attended Cub Scout Day Camp
- *Visited a Television Station
- *Attended a 76s Game
- *Collected food for a local food bank
- *Rode on a BMX course
- *Shot BB-Guns, Bows and Arrows and Paint Balls
- *Climbed on a rock wall
- *Shot water rockets
- *Built and raced Pinewood Derby Cars
- *Learned new skills
- *Gone fishing
- *Performed community service projects
- *Visited local Historical Sites
- *And much, much more!

Join with a friend, have fun!

**Join us for our Fall Information Session
Tuesday, September 20th at 7 PM at Devon Elementary.**

**If you have any questions please contact our Cubmaster, David Cutler at
Pack111@cccbsa.org**

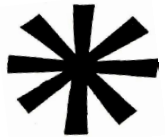


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Extra!

Extra!



The Devon PTO School Directory is almost here. It has class lists, phone numbers, teachers' names, useful ads, and so much more. And now you can have extras! Keep one handy in the car, another at work, and one at home.

Every Devon family receives one free directory. It's only \$5 for an extra directory. The deadline for ordering is **Friday, September 16**. Expect delivery of all directories in early October.

Student's name: _____

Teacher _____

Homeroom: _____

Number of extra copies: _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Please attach your check, made out to Devon PTO, to this form and send it in to school with your child.

Remember, the deadline for pre-order is Friday, September 16.

Questions? Call Mary Ruth Thompson 484-367-7061

We need your Help!

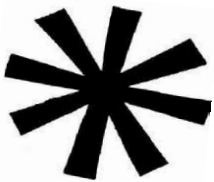


We need a handful of people to help proofread the Devon Directory before it's printed. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, and get involved with the school. Just two mornings for a few hours, in late September. Thanks!



CONTACT MARY RUTH THOMPSON

**AT 484-367-7061 OR
MARYRUTHT@COMCAST.NET.**



Advertise in the Devon Directory

Our school directory is a great place to advertise your business! There is a variety of ad space ad sizes and the rates are affordable.

The deadline for placing an ad is **Wed., September 14.**

For more information or to place an ad,
email Jenny Russian at jenrussian@verizon.net.

